



ALL THE PIECES ON TIME AND ON BUDGET

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2010 PPG Conference in Antwerp a Huge Success



The 2010 Project Professionals Group (PPG) conference afforded sponsors and special guest speakers the opportunity to speak about the Port of Antwerp's infrastructure and promote the local economy by appealing to shippers from around the world. 115 freight movers, ship owners and related industry companies from around the globe converged in Antwerp for the three-day event. The event was officially opened by The Port Alderman – Antwerp City Council, Mr. Marc Van Peel.

Major Sponsors and special guest speakers included Rickmers-Linie GmbH; Beluga Chartering GmbH; The Port of Corpus Christi; The Port of Antwerp; Sea-Concert (Thailand); Polytra N.V.; Coli Shipping & Transport N.V.; Quebec Stevedoring; TransProject LLC.; Heavy Lift & Project Forwarding International; Sahil Express; and Sun Communications.

Memorable moments included the welcoming reception at the Antwerp Town Hall and the dinner boat cruise on the River Scheldt sponsored by the Port of Antwerp; and the BBQ dinner at the Velge Estate sponsored by Polytra. There are lots of memories and everybody seemed to have a great time where old friendships were renewed, new business and personal relationships established, all of which will hold us in good stead for the long term future.

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil has been chosen to host the PPG 2011 conference. Local PPG host member will be O. Lisboa Despachos Int. Ltda. Further details and dates will be released shortly.

PPG Project Training Includes Breakbulk Asia Expo Pass

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A complimentary free pass to the exhibit hall during the 3rd Breakbulk Asia Conference & Exhibition at Suntec Singapore International Convention and Exhibition Centre will be provided to students attending the Certificate of Achievement in Project Cargo Management training course from January 27-28, 2011. The course, developed by overdimensional cargo network the Project Professionals Group, will run in conjunction and partnership with JoC Breakbulk Events & Magazine as part of Breakbulk Asia's education component. The exhibit hall pass is valued at US\$275.00.

Course presenter Kevin Stephens said fast tracking skills in project forwarding or simply gaining a better understanding of the complexities involved in heavy-lift transportation were the key objectives of the Certificate of Achievement in Project Cargo Management. Mr Stephens congratulated JoC Breakbulk Events & Magazine for again supporting professional development within the transportation industry.

The course was also held as part of Breakbulk Americas. "The chance to see and meet the world's leading service providers and suppliers during the expo and then attend a training course that will highlight how to provide higher levels of client satisfaction as a project forwarder is a unique combination," Mr Stephens said.

"This course is designed to fast track skills that otherwise could take many years to acquire and is ideally suited to rising stars in companies who want to strengthen their teams working in the heavy-lift project forwarding sector," Mr Stephens said. The non-technical training is open to all interested companies and combines project cargo skills and management tips with professional communication skills specifically for project communication, and responses to tender requests.

Registration information, including testimonials, is available from www.ppgprojects.com and follow the education course link.

PPG Training Course Endorsed in Africa



PPG's Certificate of Achievement in Project Cargo Management has won support from one of Africa's largest and most successful supply chain membership organizations. The Association of Nigerian Licensed Customs Agents, with over 5000 members, has agreed to endorse the training to be held during the 2011 African Logistics Summit from March 10-12 at the International Conference Centre in Abuja, Nigeria.

The Association's National Secretary, Chief Emmanuel O. Opara, said freight forwarders and clearing agents played a vital part of the supply chain in Africa. "Exporting and importing is the lifeblood of business in Africa across international and domestic markets and the delivery of quality services will be enhanced by the education and training that will be offered as part of the African Logistics Summit," Chief Opara said. "This training and knowledge is very timely as the world recovers from the Global Financial Crisis and our members will have a unique opportunity to enhance their business skills."

"Nigeria is a growing economy that requires the development of supporting infrastructure and is dependent on the successful management of imports and transportation of general and multi-dimensional cargos which can be very challenging." Chief Opara said he would encourage members to take up the training course. The training is also supported by PPG strategic partner, the African Cargo and Logistics Alliance.

PPG Guest Speaker at Lloyd's List DCN Breakbulk and Project Cargo 2011 Conference



PPG General Manager, Kevin Stephens, and Rodger Hall from Sun Communications, have been invited to be a guest speakers in this event and deliver a presentation entitled "Shaping the Future: The Certificate of Achievement in Project Cargo Management training course developed by the Project Professionals Group and Sun Communications".

Lloyd's List DCN is proud to host the inaugural Breakbulk and Project Cargo 2011 conference on the 16th and 17th of May, 2011 at the Novotel Langley Perth.

This conference will bring together engineering and construction experts, transport and logistics companies, shipping, ports, mining and resources, suppliers and freight forwarders to discuss the challenges and opportunities of the heavy lift supply chain.

PPG Japan Deliver Hatch Covers to Varna, Bulgaria



Allfort Co., Inc has successfully delivered forty (40) hatch covers with a total volume of 5,026.710 cbm and 1,103.580 tonnes. The hatch covers were transported from Sasebo, Nagasaki, Japan to Varna, Bulgaria. All hatch covers had varying dimension which made stowage and lashing more complex. The largest dimension was: 19.600m x 5.770m x 1.120m, with a weight of 37.150 tonnes. The hatch covers were delivered alongside the vessel by barge for lifting and stowage.

PPG “Green” Members Combine Forces For Major Wind Energy Shipments



PPG Member TransProject LLC (USA) in coordination with Shin-Jo Logitech Co., Ltd. (Korea); O. Lisboa Despachos Int. Ltda. (Brazil); and Rhenus Logistics, S.A. (Spain); along with Project Support Member Sea-Concert (Thailand) Co., Ltd. (Thailand), have successfully concluded their first shipment of Towers from Kwangyang, Korea to Brazil. As the pictures indicate, this involved a very intricate stow (no room for a wharf rat there!) and all units were loaded safely, on time and on budget. Another similar charter of Towers from Korea has already been arranged, along with two more charters from Spain (Blades) and another from North America.

Susan St. Germain Nominated as Finalist in Woman Business Owner of the Year Awards



All PPG members congratulate Susan St. Germain of TransProject LLC, USA, on being chosen as a finalist for NAWBO (National Association of Women Business Owners) Houston Awards. This nomination follows Susan’s success in winning the recent Woman of the Year 2010/2011 from National Association of Professional Women.

NAWBO is the only dues-based national organization representing the interests of all women entrepreneurs in all industries and 2010 marks the 17th Annual Woman Business Owner of the Year Gala. This year’s prestigious Woman Business Owner of the Year (WBOY) award Included nominations for women who have demonstrated excellence as a business owner, initiative and creativity in overcoming obstacles in her business, civic and community involvement; professional accomplishments and contributions and is the only award given to women business owners by women business owners!

A panel of three judges from the Houston Community will narrow the field to a select group of finalists. These extraordinary women will be honored at NAWBO Houston’s WBOY luncheon to be held on September 23 at the Briar Club. The winner will be selected by the NAWBO Houston Board of Directors and will receive her award NAWBO Houston’s WBOY Gala on October 28, 2010.

PPG Successfully Passes First Annual ISO Audit



PPG (Project Professionals Group) has successfully passed its first annual audit and consequently been re-accredited to the international quality management standard ISO 9001:2008. PPG was critically audited by external SAI-Global Limited auditors. Recertification reaffirms our commitment to consistency and quality in the delivery of our services, for the global networking through memberships, project forwarding training, annual conference arrangements, exhibition attendance and marketing services; and also demonstrates PPG's continuous improvement and customer focus in line with proven management principals. The QEC program also offers a step-by-step approach which provides all members confidence in PPG's system's capabilities to meet the needs of the organisation and its members. The process also addresses the philosophies of good management practice covered by the Standard.

Allfort Japan Deliver Trains to Manila



PPG member for Japan, Allfort Co. Inc., has successfully completed the safe delivery of 10 rail carriages from Kawasaki, Japan to Manila, Philippines. The overall shipment comprised 34,000 tonnes / 2,526,393 cbm. Allfort's scope of work included spreader design and manufacturing; lifting the trains from rail onto the low bed trailers within the Clients laydown area; inland transportation to alongside vessel under Full Liner Terms; and shipment to Manila. The spreader design incorporated the lifting points in the same position as the train's wheels. This not only alleviated the concern of damage to the carriages, but it also dispersed cargo weight by lifting slings for the cargo perpendicularly. These carriages were delivered on time and on budget.

Nailesh Gandhi To Lead Bombay Customs House Agents' Association



Nailesh Gandhi (pictured) of PPG Member Express Transport, India has been elected as president of the 1,300 member of the Bombay Customs House Agents' Association (BCHAA) for 2010-2012. Nailesh's wish list includes putting in place "processes which will help us get to the next level, which will help us upgrade ourselves, which will in turn help us to retain talent and build a future for the next generation." Nailesh further adds that he and his team at BCHAA will focus on implementing new ideas and looking for the innovative solutions to the problems faced by the agents, and that training and education are important. Nailesh also plans to introduce a fund for the education of women. "We will either find a way or make one," he said.

PPG-TransProject AWEA Windpower booth attracts international recognition



The Project Professionals Group has been recognised as a major specialist service provided for the international renewable energy industry following the success of the joint PPG/TransProject USA booth at the American Wind Energy Association Windpower 2010 Exhibition in Dallas. The booth was visited by the world's leading renewable energy companies and all PPG participants gained invaluable contacts, leads and many genuine business opportunities.

PPG members to attend this year included O. Lisboa (Brazil); Express Transport (India); Quality Freight (Ireland); and of course TransProject LLC (USA). The success of this initiative has resulted in PPG again committing to the AWEA Windpower 2011 Conference & Exhibition in Anaheim, California from May 22 – 25. Expression of interest from PPG members interested in participating have already been received, and are welcome now.

The PPG/TransGroup booth was a wonderful investment and attracted great interest from AWEA organisers and delegates with a live performance of Kenny Rogers impersonator Dave Karl, corporate publications and an impressive team of knowledgeable and professional PPG members on hand to assist with project enquiries then and there.

We believe that this was the best exhibition we have ever attended with booth traffic at least double over last year. The management of AWEA visited the booth, played the TransProject give-away guitar and then said that perhaps next year they will start giving a "Best in Show" award for booth design. They indicated it would be great if more booths followed our example with memorable exhibits that leave a lasting impression with all visitors.

TransProject, USA, Secures ISO 9001:2008 Certification



TransProject LLC, USA, has successfully achieved Quality Certification to ISO 9001:2008 standard. Susan St. Germain advises that during the audit process, there were no exceptions or non-conformities. The Scope of Certification covers the Management of the Distribution, Handling and Shipping of Project Cargo Worldwide. Within their ISO policy, TransProject are also compliant with 14001 environmental standards. PPG congratulates Susan and her team on this wonderful achievement.

PPG Vietnam & Korea Conclude Charter of Pipes and Componentry



PPG Members, Vantage Logistics Corp., Vietnam and Shin-Jo Logitech Co., Ltd, Korea recently concluded a major charter on board vessel "Sao Kim" ex Pusan to Dung Quat. The commodity comprised piping and piping components for a major oil project in Dung Quat (Vietnam). The vessel sailed Korea on 8th October and arrived Vietnam 17 October 2010. And comprised 1,200 freight tones with a cargo value of over US\$1,2 million.

Port of Corpus Christi Move forward with Negotiations to sell Former U.S. Naval Station "Ingleside" to Corpus Development, L.P.



The Port Corpus Christi Commission voted unanimous to move forward with negotiations to sell the recently acquired Ingleside Facility (formally known as U.S. Naval Station Ingleside) to Corpus Development, L.P., for a base purchase price of One Hundred Ten Million (\$110,000,000.00) Dollars. The announcement took place at the monthly Port Corpus Christi Commission meeting, Tuesday, August 10, 2010. "Due to the tremendous impact this development will generate for the City of Ingleside and the region, the Commissioners carefully studied all potential candidates and determined that Corpus Development, L.P. has the best qualifications of all to move forward with the redevelopment of the facility." said Mike Carrell, Chairman, Port Commission.

More beer to the world: PPG Partners Karl Gross and O'Lisboa successfully handle large brewery tanks to Brazil



PPG Germany partner, Karl Gross Internationale Spedition GmbH, Hamburg, together with PPG Brazilian member, O'Lisboa Despachos Int. Ltda., have successfully cooperated in handling several door-to-door shipments of brewery tanks and equipment.

The large tanks (L 16.430 m, W 4.910 m, H 5.010 m, Weight 17.500 tonnes per piece) manufactured in Southern Germany were nested on supportive racks, but had to be shipped unpacked.

They were destined to different brewery construction sites in the Brazilian hinterland. The cargo was transported break bulk the entire way.

The tanks, fabricated mostly of stainless steel, are highly sensitive to denting. So utmost care had to be taken during their entire journey – especially when passing narrow cobble stone streets in the Brazilian hinterland.

Also, there were fixed delivery dates at the construction sites to fit in with the successive erecting processes. "Our customer was very satisfied with our door-to-door service", says Thomas Burkhardt, head of Karl Gross Hamburg's Project Department. "The cooperation with O'Lisboa, especially in terms of good communication and project know-how, added fruitfully to the service quality we were able to provide our customer with."



A Word from the General Manager

Welcome to the first Edition of the Project Professionals Group (PPG) Newsletter that coincides with our fourth annual conference to be held in the beautiful city of Rio de Janeiro, from June 15-18, 2011.

We take this opportunity to give special thanks to our Advisory Board Members comprising:

- Susan St. Germain – TransProject LLC, USA
- Dominik Keller – O. Lisboa Despachos Int. Ltda., Brazil
- Elmer Sarmiento – Royal Cargo Combined Logistics, Inc., Philippines
- Lindsay Jacgung – Allfreight International Pty. Ltd., Australia
- Mard De Weerd – Polytra N.V., Belgium
- Suhail Shaikh – Sahil Freight Express Pvt. Ltd., India
- Vino Ruthnam – Aviocean (Natal) cc, South Africa

Some of the Highlights of PPG during the past four years include:

- Successful ISO9002:9008 accreditation
- PPG has its own Industry-First International Certificate Project Forwarding Education Program. The first Course was held in Mumbai, India (January 2009); followed by Bremen, Germany (October 2009); Singapore (January 2010); and Houston (October 2010). Our next courses are scheduled for Singapore (27–28 January, 2011); Abuja, Nigeria (11–12 March, 2011); Perth, Australia (18-19 May, 2011); and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (12–13 June, 2011). These courses are now held in conjunction with the JoC Americas Breakbulk conference and exhibition; JoC Asia Breakbulk conference and exhibition; Lloyds List DCN Bulknet and Project Cargo conference; Association of Nigerian Licensed Customs Agents and African Logistics Summit.
- Continued Alliances with ACLA & Shipping China
- Participation in AWEA exhibitions in Chicago (2009); Dallas (2010); and Anaheim California (2011).
- PPG presentations as guest speakers at the JoC Asia Breakbulk conference and exhibition (2010); and Lloyds Bulknet and Project Cargo conference (2011).
- PPG Membership has now passed 100 countries for the first time.
- Introduction of Project Support Membership (PSM) category
- PPG is an Affiliate Member of SmartWay, the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

PPG is a partnership and members have an equal responsibility to contribute to the overall effectiveness, good reputation and strength. Each of us has an important role to play and of course all members expect tangible benefits from PPG membership; to enhance their operations, extend their networks, to increase their reputations, and the scope of their commercial activity.

However, the principal benefit that members derive can only stem from the level of their own contribution and involvement. No organisation can prosper without the ongoing enthusiasm, involvement and active participation of its members.

I look forward to meeting you all once again in Rio de Janeiro and thank each and every one of you for your continued support and contributions over the past four years.

Kevin Stephens
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